

Catfish John - Bob McDill and Allen Reynolds

Chorus:

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Mama said don't go near that river ⁴
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Don't be hangin' around old catfish John ⁵
¹ ⁴
But come the morning I'd always be there
¹ ⁵ ¹
walking in his footsteps in sweet delta dawn

⁴ ¹
Born a slave in the town of Vicksburg
⁴ ¹
Traded for a chestnut mare
⁴ ¹
He never spoke a word in anger
⁵ ¹
Though his load was hard to bear.

(Chorus)

¹ ⁴ ¹
Catfish John was a river hobo
⁴ ¹
He lived and died on the river bend
⁴ ¹
Thinkin' back I still remember
⁵ ¹
I was proud to be his friend.

(Chorus)

¹ ⁴ ¹
Let me dream of another morning
⁴ ¹
And a time so long ago
⁴ ¹
When the sweet magnolias blossomed
⁵ ¹
And the cotton fields were white as snow.

(Chorus)